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FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER FROM MC HENRY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORT, WA, OTRA (MCHENRY, DONALD)
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MCHENRY VISIT TO WINDHOEK

1. MY PRESENT PLAN IS TO PROCEED TO SOUTH AFRICAN AS
SCHEDULED, PROCEEDING IMMEDIATELY TO WINDHOEK. THIS WOULD
MEAN ARRIVING JOAHNNESBURG ON TUESDAY AT MID-DAY, DEPARTING FOR
WINDHOEK AFTERNOON OF SAME DAY. I WOULD HOPE THAT MEETINGS
COULD BE ARRANGED FOR WINDHOEK TUESDAY EVENING, WEDNESDAY
AND PART OF THURSDAY, PROCEEDING TO CAPE TOWN THURSDAY
AFTERNOON, IF POSSIBLE, AND DEPARTING SOUTH AFRICA FRIDAY
EVENING FOR NEW YORK. WHILE IN WINDHOEK, I WOULD HOPE TO
MEETING DISCREETLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES YOU MIGHT
RECOMMEND AND IF FEASIBLE TO MAKE UNPUBLICIZED CALL
KAPUNO FAMILY.

2. I DOUBT THAT I COULD COME TO SOUTH AFRICA AT THIS
MOMENT WITHOUT OFFERING TO MEET WITH BOTHA AND/OR FOURIE AND AM
PREPARED TO DO SO. THIS COULD BE DONE ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON,
IF POSSIBLE.

3. I HAVE NO GREAT LOVE FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS BUT IN
CONNECTION WITH PUBLICITY FOR OUR PROPOSALS AND OUR EFFORT
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TO ASSURE THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS
OUR APPROACH I WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR A MEETING WITH THE
PRESS, IN WHATEVER FORUM YOU MIGHT SUGGEST. I WOULD THINK
IT IMPORTANT TO ASSURE THAT BOTH PRO AND OPPOSITION PRESS
ARE REPRESENTED. IS THERE A CAPE TOWN PRESS CLUB?

4. PERHAPS IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR ME TO MEET WITH

POTENTIAL ALLIES SUCH AS EGLIN, BASSON, ETC. THIS MIGHT
BE DONE AT DINNER ON THURSDAY EVENING OR AT LUNCH OR OVER
COCKTAILS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ABOVE.
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